(*c*) the number of times they actually run ;

(*d*) whether there is any fixed time for the service in a day ; and

(*e*) whether they have received any complaints about the unsatisfactory condition of the service ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) One.

(*b*) The bus is permitted to run at 30 minutes' interval from 6 A. M. to 8. P. M.

(*c*) Three.

(*d*) The member is referred to answer to part (*b*).

(*e*) No.

Bus Service between Kattakada and Nedumangad.

163. ✱ **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any regular motor bus service between Kattakada and Nedumangad and, if so, at what time ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes. One Bus is allowed to run service between Trivandrum and Nedumangad *via* Kattakada and it has permission to make 2 trips in a day to suit the convenience of the travelling public.

Power-alcohol mixed with petrol.

164. ✱ **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether power-alcohol mixed with petrol has been tried in the buses run by the Transport Department ;

(*b*) what the results of that experiment are from the stand point of the expenditure involved ; and

(*c*) whether the authorities investigated the question as to whether the engines of the vehicles will in any way be affected by the use of such a mixture, and if so to what extent ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the proportion in which they are mixed, *i. e.*, 25 percent. of Alcohol with 75 per cent of Petrol, the same results are obtained in power and running as when petrol is used. Hence there is a saving of 11½ annas for every gallon of Alcohol consumed.

(*c*) Yes. The engine will not be affected.

Pilgrims to Sabarimala.

165. ✱ **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any, and if so, what measures have been taken to ascertain the total number of pilgrims who go every year to Sabarimala for worship in the local Sastha Temple ;

(*b*) what the arrangements are that have already been made by the Medical, Public Health, Public Works and Forest Departments to afford them the necessary facilities ;

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(*c*) whether any representation has been made, or scheme submitted to Government for extending these facilities; and

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

MR. RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) No measures have till now been taken to ascertain the total number of pilgrims who go every year to Sabarimala for worship in the local Sastha temple.

(*b*) The arrangements made by the Departments referred to in affording the Sabarimala pilgrims the necessary facilities are as follows :—

(1) *Medical.* Two Hindu Medical Officers with the necessary stock of medicines were deputed for duty at Pampa and Sabarimala, Temporary Ayurvedic dispensaries were also established at Erumeli, Pampa and Sabarimala.

(2) *Public Health.* The Department of Public Health attended to the Sanitary arrangements such as sprinkling of lotion, provision of trench latrines at the various thavalams and at Sabarimala and co-operated with the Devaswom Department for the work of preventing the fouling of the water sources.

(3) *P. W. Department.* The P. W. Department arranged for the clearance of the Vandiperiyar route and the Erumeli route from Peroothodu to Azhutha, besides attending to the supply of good drinking water and draining and cleaning the tanks, wells, Kokkurinis, tunnel repairs to the pipe line, the reservoir of Kumbalam thodu etc. The Rajampara Route was cleared by the Devaswom Department. The investigation of a scheme for the water supply at Sabarimala is now in progress. A rest house at Vandiperiyar has been constructed.

(4) *Forest Department* The route from Azhutha to Pamba is maintained by the Forest Department.

(*c*) Representations have been received during the past three years but none this year.

(*d*) Due action has been taken on the representations received by Government.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government have an idea of the approximate number of pilgrims who visited Sabarimala this year?

RAJASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The point is this. People will be going to and returning from Sabarimala for about 15 or 20 days. Nobody can give any approximate idea about the number now. Last year the amount received as Nadavaravoo was Rs. 17,386 I take it that the number this year will be not less than 80,000.

Expenditure on the Public Service Commissioner's Department.

166. * **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount of expenses incurred till 30-12-1115 on account of the pay of the Public Service Commissioner and his staff as well as rent for his office building etc?

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